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VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND

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RICHARD CROSHAWE of London, Esq.

Will dat. 26 Apr. 1631. To be buried in p'ish. church of St Bartholomew where I have long been a parishioner & now dwell, in the vaults. To 66 poor labouring men 8 s. a piece for pair of new woollen stockings, a new cap & pair of new shoes & a black coat at 12 s. Of these, six to be of Almsmen of Goldsmiths Hall, they to go before the Company of the Goldsmith's at my funeral. To the seven prsh's. of this Ward, viz. St Margaret Lothbury, St Christophers, St Mildred, St Benet-Fink, St Martin Outwich, St Peter le Poor & All Hallows in the Wall £50 a piece. To Christ's Hospital £100. To St Bartholomews Hospital £100. To St Thomas' Hospital £50. To Bridewell £50. To poor p'rsoners in Ludgate £10 a piece. To poor of this p'ish £50. For church stock there £50. To prs'oners of Compter in Woodstreet £100, of Compter in the Poultry £100. For 20 poor boys born in Marton & Mackworth co. Derby, for apprenticeing £5 each. To 20 poor ministers, 10 in London whereof Mr. Freake of St Barthews to be one, & 10 in co. Derby within 15 miles of Derby, £10 each. To my kinsman Robert Carter of Osmaston Derbyshire, after death of his mother, lands I bought of Mr. Cregson & his wife, in fee. To Richard Carter & Thomas Carter sons of my sister Frances C. of Osmaston, widow, & to the children of her dau'r. Alice Leeper dec., £500. To my cousin Carter, of Ashborne, & his children £500. £100 to my poor kindred in Derbyshire. To my kinswoman Ellen Carter now E. Hemsley £500 & forgive all my [her?] husband owes me. To my neice Judeth Haddon

lease of my house in Lothbury wherein she dwells, great debts her husband Francis H. owed me. To sd. Judith £1,000 or to her children. To Marie Haddon £500. To Richard Haddon, Elizabeth Haddon £500 to be paid to them the sd. children at their marriages or 21. To my neice Alice Child, ring & to her two sons £10 a piece. To my neice Ann Marshe £500, her husband Henry M. to pay his now dau'r. Ann M. £500 at marriage. I forgive my nephew Sir Thomas Metham £500 he owes me. To him & to his Lady my neice £1,000 more, he to leave her £500 besides furniture which is in my keeping. To Mrs. Smith & to her uncle Mr. Jordan Mecham, a ring each. To Mrs. Elizabeth Osborne wife of Mr. Henry O. a ring. To my ancient friend Capt. Jewes, a ring. To my cousin Daniel Darnelly £50 & to Stephen Darnelly £20 (& to Edward Darnelly £20) & to the two children my late cousin Darnelly had by Mrs Crooley £10 a piece. To Mrs Tompson £10. I forgive Stephen Darnelly all he owes me. To my ancient & unfortunate friend & brother Isaacke Woder & his wife, £200 & forgave them what they owe me. To them, in fee, lands I bought of them in Cornwall, & deeds concerning copper works, sd. Isaac to leave all to his sd. wife. If she die without issue sd. lands in Cornhill (*sic*) to my next heirs. To my cousin Mr. John Milward 50 pieces in gold & of my cousin his now wife, the same. To my cousin Elizabeth Milward £500. To my cousin Thomas Milward £40 & to his three brothers, John, Henry & Raphe £20 each & to nurse to continue her care of them £5. To George Taylor a ring, he never to forget respect to his good master, mistress & their children. To my friend Mr Richard Davies & his wife, 30 pieces of gold for them & his dau'r., much rejoicing in friendship between him & my cousin John Milward. To my ancient friend Mr. Charles Bostocke 50 pieces of gold, he to leave it to his five children. To Andrew Willingham, glover, £5 & forgive him all he owes me. To Henry Hawke, embroiderer, the same. To George Charles, my tailor £10. To the son of Osmand Pulcher, a glover, £5. To my old fellow Roger Spencer 12d. a week for life. Among my nephew Methams servants, £20. To Sir Francis Harris of Essex, Knight, £5. To my ancient friend

Lady Isabel Sames £50 of debt to me of her son Sir Gerard S., she to leave it to my godson Richard Sames. To Sir James Palmer, Knight, 10 pieces of gold. To my ancient friend Mr. Simon Chambers which was servant to the Lord John Harrington & his Lady, £10, you shall hear of him at Sir Robert Heathe's, the King's Attorney. To the children of John Coles whose mother was my ancient servant £40. Old Mrs. Westcombe, widow, to be remembered in my gift to p'ish of St. Margaret Lothbury. Mrs. Johnson, widow & Hassard or his wife or children to be remembered in gift to St. Bartholomews. To my kinswoman Awdrey Carter, in fee, my great capital messuage in St. Martin Outwich, London, which I bought of Sir Robert Napier, wh'rin Mr. Bateman now dwells. To her house wherein I now dwell etc. To town of Derby £1,250 for a preacher to read a weekly lecture every Friday in forenoon in p'ish church of All Hallows there at £20 a year. £15 a year for seven poor inhabitants of sd. town, £28 a year for poor of Marton & Mackworth. To my two servants George Elkinton & Robert Davies £50 a piece & remit the time the latter has to serve me by his indenture. To my chief servant John Robinson who hath long dwelt with me £500. To my friend Mr Richard Holdsworth, parson of St. Peter the poor £10 etc., he to preach at my funeral. To Mr. Grant, parson of St Bartholomews £5 & remit him £12 he owes me. To my nephew Sir Thomas Metham, black nag, he to be well cared for when old. To Mr Shute of the Poultry, Mr Shute in Lombard Street & Mr Beamond, blacks. To Mr Melborne in the exchange towards better maintenance of his great charge of children £5. Diamond hat band etc., to my niece the Lady Metham. Turkey ring to my friends Mrs. South & her dau'r. To my kinswomen Judith Haddon, Ellen Hemsley, Anne Marshe & Alice Childe a diamond ring each. £100 for good cheese for pensioners of this p'ish. To my surgeon Mr. Browne £10. To my apothecary Mr. Buckner £10. To my nephew John Croshawe £200. To my old friend Mr. Buckner £5. To Company of Goldsmiths of London £400 for their poor. To my sd. kinswoman Awdrey Carter, for preferment in marriage £2,000. If she marry without consent, all her legacies to my

neice Judith Haddon & her children. To my friend Daniel Benefild £30. To my friend Mr. Leake in Fleet Street £10 & to Charles Bragg & Geo. Allcotry £5 each. To the Companies of the Artillery Garden in London, two silver pots. To my godson Richard Croshawe son of William C., late of White-chapel, preacher, house etc. without Bishopsgate against the Spital & my house at Basingshall in London & house at Mortlake, Surry, all in fee, for his education in learning, also £20. To Robert Crashawe who dwells with me [Mr.?] John Watkins of London, merchant, £20. To my nephew Sir Thomas Metham, coat etc. To my kinsman Mr. Child, livery gown. Ty my kinsman Mr. Maroke, the like. To my friends Sir Paul Pinder & Mr. Robert Bateman, Chamberlain of London, blacks, etc., also to my friend Mr. Barnard Hide & to Mr. Richard Bishopp, John Cooper & Francis Hordman my friends Sir Thomas Metham, my nephew & my nephew John Croshawe of Henor, Derbyshire, & Mr John Milward to be ex'ors. Friends Richard Davies, Daniel Benefild & Charles Bostocke to be overseers. Rest of estate amongst my kindred. As to my little fenements in St. Martin Outwich & elsewhere, these to ex'ors for same purposes. I forgive my nephew Doctor Same & his wife my neice, the world of offences & unkindnesses done to me & desire to be forgiven. £20 a year for weekly lecture in St. Bartholomew's Church every Wednesday morning. To sd. town of Derby £100 for householders of Marton & Mackworth [25 sheets of paper]. Witnesses: Hughy Perry, John Graunt, Ric. Woodward, Ca: Bostocke Scr(ivener), Geo. Allcotrie, Tho. Bostocke.

Cod. given by word to Henry Hutchins £5. To Bostocke £2. To Mordica Keydon £5. To Cha. Bostocke's two sons £10 a piece. To his three dau'rs. £5 each. To his godson Rogers £5. To Ales Child (to make up £100,) £90. To her two children to make up £50 each £80. To Kate More (to make up £40) £20. To Robert & Geo. More £20 each £40. To Mr. Bostocke for my Will £5 To Humphreys of the Exchange £5. To Mr. Beamond £5 & at another time £10. Sum £307. To Baldwyne of the Exchange £5. To Company of Goldsmiths two voiders of silver of £50.

Prob. 3 June 1631 by Sir Thomas Metham, knight & John Milward, ex'ors. Power reserved for John Crashawe the other ex'or.

Prob. 4 July 1662 [1632?] by J. C. the other ex'or.

Confirmed by Sentence 2 Johannis 1632. [25 June].

[Persons of the name Crashaw or Croshaw were associated with the settlement of Virginia both as members of the Virginia Company and as colonists.

This will of one of the great London merchants is one of numerous examples showing an open-handed charity and a loving remembrance of friends, which might be a model to modern testators.

Richard Croshaw was evidently from Derbyshire, and was related, though he does not state how, to Rev. William Croshaw.

The first of the name in Virginia was "Captain Rawleigh Crashaw, of Kequotan, gent., and ancient planter", "who has dwelt in this colony fifteen years and rendered many worthy services." He is so described in a grant of 500 acres at "Old Poynt Comfort" made to him in 1623. He was a member of the London Company, came to Virginia in 1608 and was a member of the House of Burgesses in 1623. When the Massacre of 1622 occurred he was on a trading cruise in the Potomac and challenged Opechancanough or any of his men to fight him naked; but the offer was not accepted. Crashaw spent much time amongst the Indians and was intimately acquainted with their habits and customs. From his first arrival, when he became a friend of John Smith, he took an active part in the business and defence of the Colony. Smith seems to have had a high opinion of his knowledge of Indians and Indian warfare and Crashaw was one of the authors of complimentary verses prefixed to the *Description of New England* (1616).

"In the deserued honour of my honest
and worthe Capitaine John Smith
and his Worke.
Capitaine and friend; when I peruse thy booke
(With Iudgements eyes) into thy heart I looke:
And there I finde (what sometimes Albyon knew)
A Souldier, to his Countries-honour, true.
Some fight for wealth; and some for emptie praise;
But thou alone thy Countries Fame to raise.
With due discretion, and unda[u]nted heart,
I (oft) so well haue scen thee act thy Part
In deepest plunge of hard extremitie,
As forc't the troupes of proudest foes to flie,
Though men of greater Ranke and lesse desert
Would Pish—away thy Praise, it can not strait
From the true Owner: for, all good-mens tongues
Shall keepe the same. To others that Part belongs.
If, then, Wit, Courage, and Successe should get
Thee Fame, the Muse for that is in thy debt:
A part wheof (least able though I bee)
Thus heare I doe disburse, to honor Thee.
RAWLY CRASHAW"

(Could the person "of greater rank" have been Percy?)

Raleigh Crashaw probably died early in 1625 (present style) as on March 13, 1625, there is in the General Court records an order referring to Capt. Francis West as administrator of "Capt. Crashaw".

He was married and may have been the father of Joseph and Richard Croshaw who for many years lived in the adjoining county of York.

Capt. Richard Croshaw and Major Joseph Croshaw are stated, in the records of York county to be brothers. Capt. Richard Croshaw (born 1621, died April 1669), had a son Benjamin, who died without issue, and daughters who have descendants. Major Joseph Croshaw was a Burgess for York 1659 and 1660, and died April 10, 1667. He had sons Benjamin and Joseph, who died without issue, and daughters who have descendants.

William Crashaw, Puritan divine and poet, who is named in the will, was son of Richard Croshaw, of Handsworth, near Sheffield, Yorkshire, was born in 1572 and died in 1626. He was educated at St. Johns College, Cambridge, where he entered as a sizar May 1, 1591. He was B. A. 1591-2, was ordained and became a preacher at Bridlington and Beverley, Yorkshire; became M. A. 1595 and B. D. 1603. In 1601 he was made a Prebend of Rippon, appointed preacher at the Inner Temple, and rector of Burton-Agnes, Yorkshire. In 1617 he became rector of St. Mary's Matfellow or Whitechapel, London. His will was proved Oct. 16, 1626. He was married three times, his first wife being the mother of the poet Richard Crashaw. William Crashaw was a good scholar, and eloquent preacher and a strong Protestant. He was the author of various works. He was a member of the Virginia Company. On Feb. 21, 1609-10, he preached a sermon before Lord Delaware and the Virginia Company on the eve of Delaware's departure for Virginia. Extended extracts are printed in Brown's *Genesis* 360-374. At the conclusion the preacher addressed Lord Delaware: "And thou most noble Lord, whom God hath stirred up to neglect the pleasures of England, and with Abraham to go from thy country, and forsake thy kindred and thy father's house, to go to a land which God will show thee, give me leave to speak the truth. Thy ancestor many hundred years ago gained great honor to thy house, but by this action thou augmented it. * * * Remember thou art a general of Englishmen, nay a general of Christian men; therefor principally look to religion. You go to commend it to the Heathen, then practice it yourselves; make the name of Christ honorable, not hateful unto them".

William Crashaw also wrote a long "Epistle Dedicatoire" to "Good Newes from Virginia" (1613). See Brown's *Genesis*, 611-620.

Richard Crashaw, the poet (1613-1649) was the only child of Rev. William Crawshaw by his first wife. He was educated at the Charterhouse, and at Penbroke and Peterhouse, Cambridge, and had the degree of M. A. 1638. His epigrams, published when he was barely 21 show marvelous capacity. He was intimate with Nicholas Ferrar. He went to Paris in 1641, was living there in great distress in 1646, went to Italy in 1648 or 1649 and died there August 25, 1649. He became a devout Catholic. He was author of "Steps to the Temple"—poems, mainly sacred. "His sacred poems breathe a passionate fervor of devotion which finds its outlet in imagery of a richness seldom surpassed in our language". It is hoped that farther investigation may connect the Va. Crashaws with the merchant, the divine and the poet.]